Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Out of the five places served by the Itinerating Dispensary two are highly malarial. They are Nanniode and Meenakshipuram.

Transfer of Sub-Assistant Surgeons to Nanniode Dispensary.

43. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the period for which Sub-Assistant Surgeons now transferred to Nanniode Dispensary have to serve there?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao—The period is fixed at 6 months.

Transfers to malarial tracts—Medical Department.

44. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the principle upon which transfers are made to malarial tracts in the ordinary course?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Transfers of Sub-Assistant Surgeons to malarial tracts are now generally made in the order of their seniority and they have to remain there for a period of six months at a stretch.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—It is not better to recruit people from the bottom instead of according to seniority? When transfers are made to Malarial tracts is it not possible to send young men instead of old men?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The dispensary is in the independent charge of one man, where a senior officer must be posted. Therefore independent charge men are all senior men.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—I suppose the other persons they are already in charge of dispensaries. When a transfer is made from one place to another is it not better to choose young men?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—We cannot excuse anybody. All the men in the department should go.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—When did this practice begin?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Formerly a man was kept there for four and five years. Now it is restricted to 6 months.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Are there any specific orders of the Government to that effect?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.— No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—From what date did you begin that price?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—About a year and a half.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Is a man once sent there sent again?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Hereafter it will be necessary.

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Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Since the practice was begun, was a man in charge of Kuriarkutty Dispensary to go there?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes. They will have to be sent to these places We thought everybody should have a turn in the malarial tracts.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Why was preference given to those who had never been there?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Because we thought everybody must have a turn.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Was it this one principle that one who has served in a malarial tract would be better than another man who will be sent there? Did the Government think that a man who has served in the malarial tract could do better work in the malarial tract?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—When there are men available who have not served in the malarial tract, why was it that persons who had already served there, again selected?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—We shall have to send those persons also.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—I do not know whether the Government have understood my question. Selection has been made of persons who have already served in the malarial tract while there are persons who have not served there.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—We go by a regular list.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—My question is why you do not take persons who have not already a chance?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Their turn will come.

President.—The Hon'ble Member for Medicine was saying that it is in the order of seniority that selections are made. The Hon'ble Member now asks why he took up a different policy.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—The Hon'ble Member for Medicine is pursuing a policy of selecting persons one by one to the malarial tracts and after initiating that policy he selects persons who have already served there. He has now selected a man who has already served there. I ask the Government why this gentleman was selected in preference to those who have not already served there.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—He was the next senior man.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Is that the only reason?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know how many there are in the service who had not these malarial doses?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There are two malarial tracts one at Kuriarkuttyand other at Nanniode. For six months at

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a time we send a man to each place and they are sent according to the Civil List in order.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know how many there are in the Medical department who had not served either at Kuriarkutty or at Nanniode?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I want notice.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether Dr. Kochunni Menon is the senior-most Sub-Assistant Surgeon?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether the Chief Medical Officer did not select the persons senior to him?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—They were just to retire. There were three or four of them and they were excused.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know when they are going to retire?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Mr. Cherian has already retired. Mr. Masilamani is to retire shortly. Mr. Krishna Menon was excused on the ground that he had a very bad heart.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—May I know whether these people are transferred as a sort of punishment?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is this Mr Kochunni Menon the same person who was refused study leave by the Chief Medical Officer?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao—Study leave is not granted by the Chief Medical Officer. I only recommend.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was he not refused study leave on account of the fact that he is to retire shortly?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—When is he to retire?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—In another four or four and half years.

Sub-Assistant Surgeon at Nanniode—name of.

45. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the name of the Sub-Assistant Surgeon who is now working at Nanniode;

(b) The reason for transferring him to the said dispensary?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Mr. K. Kochunni Menon.

(b) Because it was his turn to serve at Nanniode.

District Registrars who are Graduates-in-Law.

46. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of District Registrars in the State

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